

## ONE ROUND ENCOUNTER

Of The Fistic Sort Between Two Well Known Men

Pulled Off In The Office Of A Mt. Vernon Attorney

Al. L. Byrns And A. J. Solomon The Participants

In Which The Former Received The Decision

The Facts Which Led Up To The Big Battle

Amos J. Solomon, former bank promoter of Mt. Vernon, now a resident of Columbus, and Albert L. Byrns, cashier of the old Farmers & Merchants National Bank.



ALBERT L. BYRNS  
Victor of A One Round Bout With Amos J. Solomon

chants National Bank, of Mt. Vernon, now a resident of Cleveland, engaged in a most thrilling fistic encounter in the office of Attorney Lot C. Stillwell late Wednesday afternoon.

As far as the fistic end of the affair was concerned it was all one-sided for Mr. Byrns was the victor in one, short round.

The incidents leading up to the exciting scene are as follows according to the story related by Mr. Byrns to a Banner representative:

At the time of the failure of the Walhonding Bank, one of the institutions organized by Solomon, there was due the then Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Mt. Vernon the sum of \$5,500. Mr. Byrns claims that Solomon in order to avoid paying this amount stated to the officials of the Walhonding bank that the figures on the books of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank were incorrect and that Mr. Byrns had so juggled the figures to make it appear that the Walhonding bank was in debt to the Mt. Vernon bank in the sum of \$5,500.

After the Farmers & Merchants Bank had gone out of existence, according to the statements of Mr. Byrns, Mr. Solomon told in Columbus and in other cities over the state that Cashier Byrns was responsible for the condition of affairs at the Mt. Vernon bank and that it was through his error and mismanagement that the bank was forced to liquidate.

Some months ago Mr. Byrns left Mt. Vernon and since that time has been

holding a most responsible position with a firm of expert accountants of Cleveland. His business is such that it carries him all over the state of Ohio and especially has been in touch with many of the banking institutions of the state. Mr. Byrns states that in several places where he has been the story has come to him that Solomon was still talking about him and saying that he was to blame for the closing of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank.

Mr. Byrns arrived in the city Wednesday afternoon from Cleveland for the purpose of remaining several days on business and visiting with friends. Shortly after his arrival, Mr. Byrns also learned that Mr. Solomon was spending the day in Mt. Vernon. Late in the afternoon Mr. Byrns went to the office of Lot C. Stillwell where Mr. Solomon was engaged in conversation with the attorney and another man, who happened to be in the office at the time.

Solomon greeted Byrns in a rather friendly manner when the latter entered the office.

"I understand you have been talking about me lately," exclaimed Mr. Byrns to Solomon.

"You are a liar," said Solomon, using two words before the "liar" not permitted in print.

"You got \$5,000 of my money," said Byrns.

Again Solomon responded with the same epithet as above.

Byrns again made some remark relative to some of Solomon's statements and the third time the latter replied with his favorite "liar" expression and jumping from his chair attempted to strike Byrns in the face.

Byrns dodged the blow and then started towards his antagonist. The first blow Byrns struck was a straight jab which landed on Solomon's left eye. This knocked him against the safe, but he got up and advanced towards Byrns. Again the latter swung and struck Solomon in the other eye. In an instant Byrns was upon Solomon and the blows fell thick and fast. In some manner Byrns's ring caught Solomon on the side of the cheek and a gash was cut from his mouth nearly to his ear. At this point Byrns got hold of Solomon in such a manner that he was holding him down with one hand and punching him in the face with the other fist. Spectators in the office then interfered and the encounter was brought to a close.

Byrns came out of the fray without a mark or scratch, while both of Solomon's eyes were blackened and the blood was flowing from the wound in his cheek.

After his injuries had been given attention, Solomon returned to his home in Columbus on an evening train. Fearing that Byrns would again attack him he asked Chief of Police Clements to accompany him to the Pennsylvania station.

Solomon weighs over two hundred pounds, while Byrns is about half his size, but exceedingly wiry and active.

"I believe I would have finished him up," said Mr. Byrns to the Banner man, "if spectators had not interfered and separated us."

## ORGANIZED

Was The Y. P. B. In This City Wednesday Night

The regular meeting of the Y. P. B. was held at the home of Mrs. Royal Bartlett Tuesday evening and resulted in the election of the following officers:

President—Miss Esther Gunn.  
General Secretary—Mrs. Garlow.  
Recording Secretary—Miss Ethel Pitkin.

The election of vice presidents of the churches will occur at the next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, February 6, at the home of Mrs. Bartlett, when it is hoped there will be a large turn-out of young people interested in the first Y. P. B. organized in Knox county. Each one come and bring a friend.

## LECTURE

Given By Blind Man Was Largely Attended

A large audience listened to the free illustrated lecture on "Prevention of Needless Blindness" delivered in the Methodist Episcopal church Wednesday evening by Mr. C. L. Shafer, who is sent out by the Ohio Commission for the Blind.

The lecture was illustrated with one hundred slides and the lecturer gave many interesting stories in connection with the lives of the blind.

## WILL

Of Late Henry D. Coffinberry Filled In Cleveland

Left An Estate Valued At About \$500,000

(Cleveland Leader)

The \$500,000 estate of Henry D. Coffinberry, former city treasurer, who died a week ago, was probated yesterday. His widow, Mrs. Harriett D. Coffinberry, 3609 Euclid avenue, and daughters, Miss Maria D. Coffinberry and Nadine M. C. Morley, 1919 E. 84th street, are named executrices and sole beneficiaries.

Money on deposit in banks and the stocks and securities, valued at \$300,000, and the Euclid avenue residence are left to Mrs. Coffinberry. Real estate in Cuyahoga and Wood county and elsewhere, estimated at \$200,000, is divided equally between the daughters, who are also left farms at Rocky River. The will was made in March, 1910.

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Shoemaker Locked Up—

Sheriff P. J. Parker was in the eastern part of the county Wednesday and arrested William Shoemaker near Walhonding on a lunacy charge affidavit. Shoemaker was formerly a patient at the state hospital and was granted a trial visit, but his condition is such that it will be necessary to take him back to the hospital. He was locked up in the county jail Wednesday evening and will be taken to Columbus by the sheriff on Friday morning.

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Cross Petition—

In the case of Muriel Schiappacasse vs. Ernest Schiappacasse an answer and cross petition has been filed in the court of common pleas of Knox county in which the defendant alleges that the plaintiff has been guilty of adultery with Thomas Murray and that the plaintiff is now living with the said Thomas Murray on West High street. The defendant therefore asks that the petition of the plaintiff be dismissed and that the court award him such relief as is proper.

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Deeds Filed—

W. S. Cummings to Paul J. Cummings, lot in Fredericktown, \$150.  
W. S. Cummings to Paul J. Cummings 135 acres in Fredericktown, \$1.

## PETITION

In Bankruptcy Filed By R. C. Anderson & Son

In United States Court At Columbus Today

The contracting firm of R. C. Anderson & Son of Mt. Vernon, through their attorney, Mr. Wm. A. Hosack, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in United States court in Columbus on Thursday morning and were adjudged bankrupts.

Mr. Anderson has long been one of the well known contractors of Mt. Vernon. The filing of the petition in bankruptcy is due to the loss of a large sum of money on a contract with the trustees of Kenyon college for the rebuilding of the college library.

## INJURED

In A Coasting Accident Was Prof. Shultz

Professor James Shultz sustained severe injuries in a coasting accident with a number of friends while coasting on the college hill at Academia Wednesday afternoon. The sled was going at good speed at the time of the accident and was overturned when it went into a ditch. The occupants of the sled were thrown to the ground and professor Shultz sustained severe cuts about his face, several stitches being necessary in order to close the wounds. His injuries are not serious. Mr. Shultz is a professor in the Mt. Vernon College at Academia.

Mr. Edison cannot hope to get out a concrete mattress that will be able to compete with the article commonly found in the country hotel.

## WINGED RASCALS.

Birds That Are Accomplished and Daring Thieves.

HOW A GULL ROBS A PELICAN

It Works a Clever Trick on Its Clumsy Victim and Is In Turn Fleeed by the Lightning-like Frigate Bird—Villainy of the Dutcher Bird.

The system of living at the expense of somebody else and in turn affording a living for another parasite is as common in the animal world as among men, and as a chance example of it we may take the mosquito, which, feeding on man's lifeblood, is in its turn preyed upon by a tiny insect which sometimes causes its death. One of the most common instances of living by robbery in the animal world is that of the osprey, which is despoiled of its fairly caught fish by the more powerful but also lazier eagle, for the eagle can catch its own fish and does so when it cannot steal them.

But a much more interesting case is that of the flying fish. Pursued by its enemies in the water, it leaps into the air and is caught by the pelican. When the pelican has got its pouch full of fish it wings its way to land and proceeds to eat. The pouch is a bag of skin hanging from the under mandible, and in order to get a fish out of it the bird must open its mouth and by a toss of the head throw a fish out of the pouch.

The gull, knowing this and being a lazy fellow, watches the clumsy and rather stupid pelican until it goes ashore to feed. Then the gull, with the impudence which comes so naturally to villainy, actually perches on the long head of the pelican and waits. Open yawns the great mouth, flip comes up a scaly morsel, wide gapes the hungry throat of the pelican; but, alas for it, the fish is already in the jaws of the gull, which, with a wild scream, has mounted aloft to enjoy its stolen meal.

But the sharp eye of the lightning-like frigate bird has been watching the whole game, and the moment the laughing gull has thought to begin its feast it sees a stronger and a quicker bird than itself darting toward it like an arrow. With a shriek of disgust the fish is dropped, and with a graceful swoop it is caught by the last thief of all.

A sneak thief is the owl. It lies concealed all day and only ventures abroad when its victim is asleep and when its movements cannot be seen. Its body and wings are covered with downy feathers, so that as it goes through the air it makes none of the rushing noise which characterizes the swoop of the hawk, and therefore its sharp talons are buried deep into the body of its prey before the latter is aware of its presence.

There is a little bird called the shrike, which for its cunning and accomplishments deserves a high place in the rogues' gallery. It is not swift enough to catch many of its feathered fellows in fair pursuit, so it sits in ambush and imitates the cry of a distressed bird until a tender husband or a solicitous wife flies to the spot to lend the aid supposed to be wanted, whereupon the wicked creature pounces on the beguiled bird and, if not hungry enough to make a meal at once, impales its prey on a thorn.

Almost as great a villain as the butcher bird, as the shrike is usually called, is the bee eater of Africa. It is very fond of bees, but is sometimes too lazy to hunt for them. It sits on a bush and waits for a bee to come along. But if none should come the cunning fellow has still a chance left, for here comes a more industrious bird with a bee in its bill. Now is the rascal's opportunity. The moment the newcomer is near it it flies up with a cry as if pursued by a hawk. The newcomer is immediately put in a fright, drops its prey and sends away for safety. The thief then picks up the bee and enjoys it at leisure.

It must be said for most animals that they rob or murder for the purpose of getting food, but here and there is a thoroughly depraved fellow who steals for the fun of it. One of these is the wolverene. It is very fond of following a trapper at a safe distance and after the man has carefully baited all his traps to steal all the bait quite as carefully. Sometimes it will wait until a fox has been caught and then coolly walk up and kill the fox, tear it from the trap, eat as much as it wishes, bury the rest and go on to the other traps. Of course the trappers hate the wolverene and try to catch it, but it is an expert trapper that can do it. All sorts of devices have been tried, but the wolverene seems to know all about traps and how to avoid them. One man made a most elaborate and complicated series of traps, laying cords about the approaches to the bait so that the most wary man would have been sure to stumble on one and pull the trigger of a gun placed so that it would shoot the disturber. The next morning he visited his trap and found all the cords bitten through and the bait gone.

Thought He Was Smart.

Mrs. Benjamin—What is the meanest thing a woman can say to a man? Benjamin—"Yes" when he is fool enough to propose.—Town Topics.

Give a boy address and accomplishments and you give him the mastery of palaces.—Emerson.

## RESOLUTIONS

Adopted By Local Camp Of Sons Of Veterans

At the regular meeting of the Sons of Veterans held on Wednesday evening a resolution was adopted relative to the universal movement throughout the country to pension old soldiers according to their needs and financial standing. The resolution was to the effect that pensions be increased in cases where the pensioner is forced to rely on this income for a living and to make an effort to place the money where it is most needed instead of paying it to veterans who are in comfortable financial circumstances. It was directed at the meeting that a copy of the resolution be sent to the president of the United States, one to the senators and representatives of the state, one to commander in chief of the Sons of Veterans of the United States and one to the division commander of the state of Ohio.

## BALL TEAM

May Be Organized In This City In The Spring

A movement is on foot in the city to organize a team to be represented in a proposed base ball league composed of clubs from Mansfield, Newark, Lexington, Millersburg, Utica and Mt. Vernon. Because of the fact that the season is so far away nothing definite has been done in the matter except that players for the local team are being secured.

## BURNS

Each Week 20 Cars Of Fuel Petroleum

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 25.—This city is a heavy consumer of fuel oil. The average weekly consumption is over 120,000 gallons or about 20 cars. Wichita's supply of fuel oil comes from the eastern Kansas oil fields and is shipped in tank cars ranging in capacity from 90 to 210 barrels per car.

The oil is used in many stores, houses and rooming houses for heating purposes; and by the packing houses, factories, and most of the mills to produce heat and power. Oil burners have recently been installed in the New Crawford and Princess theatres, in the county jail, the court house, the Forum, the Hamilton hotel and the building of the Johnston & Larimer Dry Goods Company and various other institutions. Nearly all the burners in these buildings are pressure spray oil burners.

The retail price of distillate oil delivered from tank wagons to the consumer is about 1 1/2 cents per gallon. The price of the heavy fuel oil is about 2 1/4 cents per gallon, but by purchasing it by the car load the heavy users get it cheaper.

As to heat and power producing purposes, it is estimated that in small plants 100 gallons of fuel oil are equal to about 18,000 feet of natural gas. Assuming that the 100 gallons of oil cost \$2.25 and the gas cost at the rate of 15 cents a thousand feet or \$2.50 for the 18,000 feet, there is a saving of 25 cents in favor of the oil.

## W. C. T. U. MEETING

Held At The Home Of Mrs. Porter On Wednesday Afternoon

The W. C. T. U. held a regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Porter, 209 North Park street, Tuesday afternoon. There were 65 ladies present to appreciate the excellent program which followed the regular business meeting.

Subject under discussion was "Purity and Rescue Work." Mrs. Hugh Campbell, leader. There were papers read on the subject by the following ladies:

Mrs. Madeline Campbell, Garlow, Bartlett, Lantz, and Nixon. Mrs. Herbert Smith favored the Union with two beautiful solo's, Mrs. William Sanderson presiding at the piano. During the social hour refreshments were served by the committee.

If a married man comes home a little late in the day he finds his supper cold; if he comes home a little late at night he finds his wife cold.

## ODD LOTS OF LACE CURTAINS

We are offering, in our January Sale, a number of odd lots of lace curtains at substantial and attractive reductions.

3 pairs, cable net, 3 1/2 yards long, regularly \$4.50 a pair, lot now for.....\$8.98

3 pairs, Braided net, 2 1/2 yards long, regularly \$5.00 pair, lot now for.....\$11.98

2 pairs Brussels net, 3 1/2 yards long, regularly \$8.00; a pair, lot now for.....\$7.98

2 pairs, cable net, 3 yards long, regularly \$4.50 a pair, lot now for.....\$4.49

2 pairs, Grenadine net, 3 yards long, regularly \$2.50 a pair, lot now for.....\$2.98

2 pairs, cable net, 3 yards long, regularly \$4.50 a pair, lot now for.....\$3.49

2 pairs, Cable net, 3 yards long, regularly \$3.50 a pair, lot now for.....\$4.49

3 1/2 pairs, Cable net, regularly \$6 a pair, lot now for.....\$11.98

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## CITY

Government Played By Women Of Oklahoma Town

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 25.—Astonished at the familiarity with civic problems and procedure displayed by a number of women who appeared before the mayor and board of city commissioners, some of the latter, after a quiet investigation, have discovered that there is a duplicate city government in Muskogee composed entirely of women.

These women have made not only a study of civic problems but the methods of getting action when they demand it. They have demanded certain things of the city government and got them. It was the skill they displayed in evading the usual obstacles which such matters encounter that astonished the city commissioners.

This woman's duplicate government is composed of the members of the Logan Parliamentary Club, organized in Muskogee a few years ago by Mrs. George B. Longan of Kansas City. The club has devoted itself to parliamentary studies. The effect is being felt. Even the children of these women have now a well organized parliamentary club of their own.

When Muskogee adopted the commission form of government and elected a mayor and commissioners, the Logan Parliamentary club, formed in their own ranks a duplicate organization. Mrs. G. M. Swanson is mayor, Mrs. R. D. Long is chief of police, Mrs. C. O. Claiborn is assistant chief.

There is a woman holding each of the several offices provided in the charter of the city for the real government. When a civic question arises in the city it is discussed from every angle by the women commissioners and mayor as seriously as if their votes determined the question. In this way the women have acquired their surprising knowledge of city government and a good idea of what politics really is as well.

This woman's council has a regular meeting the first Monday in each month and special meetings as occasion arises. The woman city engineer makes elaborate reports and recommendations on plans for street and park improvements, while the chief of police is active in seeking new methods to obtain a higher moral tone for the city.

The woman mayor is the wife of the chairman of the board of county commissioners and the woman chief of police is the wife of the manager of the street car company.

A daughter was born Wednesday evening to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Dubinsky of West High street.

## CROWDS

To Be Present At Ft. Worth Stock Show

Ft. Worth, Tex., Jan. 25.—Ft. Worth is getting ready to entertain 50,000 visitors during the week of March 19. They will come from all parts of the United States and Mexico. These visitors will be attracted by the National Feeders and Breeders show, which will open its sixteenth annual exhibition Monday, March 18, and continue the week.

The coming of these people with their live stock means that a large amount of money will be turned into the trade channels of Ft. Worth. Accordingly, the business men of the city have signed their intention of setting aside Monday, March 18, the opening day, as a holiday so that all of their employees can visit the show.

It probably costs \$50,000 to stage the Ft. Worth Fat Stock show, and of this amount \$30,000 will be paid out in premiums to exhibitors, stockmen and farmers.

In the 16 years the Fat Stock Show has been in existence it has put new and better live stock in every locality of the Southwest. Feeding conditions have been improved and throughout the state of Texas numerous herds of fine cattle have taken the place of the longhorn, a better grade of sheep have routed the old-time flocks; improved breeds of hogs superseded the razor-back and draft horses are now drawing the farmers' wagons instead of the little Indian cayuse.

The management of the 1912 fat stock show has gone in to make it the greatest educational show in the United States. It is already reckoned as the biggest sale and with the addition of many features now planned by the management it will take rank in educational activities.

The horse show and regular exhibits of draft and standard bred horses will be so conducted this year as to lend to the educational side of the show.

A space in the west side of the big coliseum, 200 feet long and 10 feet wide, has been set aside for agricultural exhibits. This department will be conducted by the railroads of the state and known as a land show.

A substantial frame building is under course of construction adjacent to the coliseum to house the poultry show. This exhibit will be under the management of the Tarrant County Poultry and Pigeon Association. The building will accommodate 1500 birds.

FOR ONCE

Mike (in bed, to alarm clock as it goes off)—I fooled yez that time. I was not asleep at all.—Punch.

According to Dr. Woods Hutchinson, four hours' work a day is enough. According to Eldson, four hours a night sleep is enough. And what is mankind to do with the other sixteen?

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